

**653—24.3(272C) Peer review.** The board may assign any case to peer review for evaluation of the professional services rendered by the licensee and report to the board.

**24.3(1) *Registration of peer reviewers.*** The board may register peer reviewers by maintaining a list of peer reviewers in the board office. The board shall enter into a contract with peer reviewers to provide peer review services.

**24.3(2) *Case referral for peer review.*** The board or board staff shall determine which peer reviewers will review a case and what investigative information shall be referred to a peer reviewer.

**24.3(3) *Board assistance to peer reviewers.*** The board may provide investigatory and related services to assist the peer reviewers.

**24.3(4) *Confidentiality.*** Peer reviewers shall observe the confidentiality requirements imposed by Iowa Code section 272C.6(4).

**24.3(5) *Liability, defense and indemnity.*** Peer reviewers shall not be liable for acts, omissions or decisions made in connection with service on the peer review committee. However, such immunity from civil liability shall not apply if such act is done with malice. Peer reviewers shall be provided a defense by the state for civil lawsuits related to board peer review and shall be indemnified for all such judgments or settlements as provided by applicable law and administrative rules.

**24.3(6) *Written peer review report.*** Peer reviewers shall review the information provided by the board and provide a written report to the board.

*a.* The written report shall contain a statement of facts, an opinion of the peer reviewers whether the licensee violated the standard of care, and the rationale supporting the opinion.

*b.* The written report shall be signed by the peer reviewers concurring in the report.

*c.* If the peer reviewers find that they are unable to review the case, the investigative information shall be returned to the board.